GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Border Security in Gujarat
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of border of Gujarat with Pakistan;

(b) whether a number of cases of smuggling of weapons/contraband as well as infiltration of anti-nationals have been reported and if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) whether the border fencing in the Runn of Kutch has remained incomplete and the portions which were erected earlier have collapsed due to corrosion and defective foundation;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the status of fencing at the said border; and

(e) the time by which the fencing work on the entire stretch of Indo-Pak Border in the State is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) Gujarat State has a total of 508 Km of International Border (IB) with Pakistan.

(b) The details of cases of smuggling of weapons, contraband items and apprehension of infiltrators reported along the Indo-Pakistan border in the State of Gujarat during last three years are as under:-
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Year No. of cases of seizure contraband items No. of cases of apprehension of infiltrators No. of cases of seizure of weapons
2012 15 11
Nil
2013 19 15
2014 9 8

(c) & (d): On the basis of feasibility to construct fence, the Government has sanctioned construction of 340.00 km of border fencing in the State of Gujarat, out of which the fencing work to the extent of about 264 km has been completed. Due to the extreme nature of topography, the fencing and its foundation is prone to corrosion by the salty water and heavy inundation because of which some parts of the fencing have deteriorated. Maintenance of fencing is a continuous process. The maintenance of fence is entrusted to Border Security Force(BSF) which carries out the maintenance works of damaged/deteriorated fence.

(e): It may take about 36 months for completion of the balance works in feasible area depending on the climatic condition.
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